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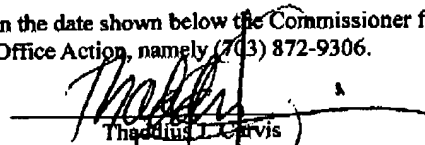
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(1) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-25, all of the claims pending in the application, are respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks. No claims have been added or cancelled.

While claims 9-25 stand withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to nonelected invention, withdrawal of the restriction requirement and their allowance are believed in order in light of the following remarks which clarify the fact that the prior art does not show the central feature of the invention, which is common to and links all claims, namely the description of a shear thickening pregelatinized starch.

Claim 3 has been amended to correct a spelling, and claims 4-8 have been amended to overcome objections for formal matters.